



H.R. 2284 – To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians

Floor Situation

H.R. 2284 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Tom Udall (D-NM) on May 10, 2007, and was reported by the House Committee on Small Business on June 15, 2007.

H.R. 2284 is expected to be considered on the floor on June 18, 2007.

Summary

H.R. 2284:

- Establishes Federal Small Business Development grants to assist with outreach, development, and enhancement on Indian lands of small business startups and expansions owned by Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.
- Authorizes \$7 million in grants each year for FY2008 – FY 2010, totaling \$21 million over three years for Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) to assist Indian tribe members, Alaska natives, and native Hawaiians.

**Note: The SBDC grants are subject to appropriation, and the grant program will require a specific appropriation and cannot be funded through the general appropriation for SBDCs.*

- Requires that an eligible state must have a combined population of Indian tribe members, Alaska natives, and Native Hawaiians that comprises at least 1% of the State's total population.
- Establishes a limit of \$300,000 per fiscal year for any grant recipient under this program.
- Requires local Small Business Development Centers that are administering these grants to request the advice of tribal organizations on "how best to provide assistance

to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians and where to locate satellite centers to provide such assistance.”

Background

The Office of Small Business Development Centers (SBDC): “provides management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. SBDCs offer one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. The program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, the educational community and federal, state and local governments and is an integral component of Entrepreneurial Development's network of training and counseling services” ([SBDC website](#)).

Cost

At the time of publication The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 2284.

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